

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

INDICATIONS:

The Merit Advance Angiographic Safety Needle is used for providing a puncture site in blood vessels for the introduction of vascular access devices. It also incorporates a safety mechanism to minimize needlestick injuries.

WARNINGS:

- Do not use if package is opened or damaged.
- Do not alter this device.
- Failure to fully advance the safety mechanism until it locks when removing the needle may result in the needle tip re-emerging from the safety mechanism, potentially resulting in an accidental needlestick with a contaminated needle. A needlestick with a contaminated needle may cause infectious disease.
- Handle and discard in accordance with accepted medical practice and applicable regulations. After use, this product is a potential biohazard.

CAUTIONS:

- Carefully read and follow all instructions prior to use.
- Care and adherence to universal precautions must be taken to avoid accidental needlestick injuries.
- Do not withdraw guide wire through the needle.
- Do not attempt to override or defeat the safety mechanism.
- Only qualified healthcare practitioners should insert, manipulate and remove these devices.
- Follow standard infection control precautions as specified by the CDC (USA) or local equivalent.
- Sterile and non-pyrogenic only if packaging is not opened, damaged or broken.
- **⚠ ONLY:** Federal (USA) law restricts the sale of this device to or on the order of a physician.

REUSE PRECAUTION STATEMENT

For single patient use only. Do not reuse, reprocess or resterilize. Reuse, reprocessing or resterilization may compromise the structural integrity of the device and/or lead to device failure which, in turn, may result in patient injury, illness or death. Reuse, reprocessing or resterilization may also create a risk of contamination of the device and/or cause patient infection or cross-infection, including, but not limited to, the transmission of infectious disease(s) from one patient to another. Contamination of the device may lead to injury, illness or death of the patient.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

1. Carefully remove the needle from plastic cover as indicated.
2. After use, advance the safety mechanism to the end of the needle until you feel the safety mechanism stop and the safety device locks over the needle tip.

Note: For guidewire applications, the safety mechanism may be activated before removing the needle from the guidewire.
3. Dispose of the Merit Advance Angiographic Safety Needle in an approved sharps container while observing universal precautions.

